

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 are pending in the present application. The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9, and objected to the Abstract. Applicant hereby submits new claims 10-13 for consideration; no previously pending claims are amended. Applicant respectfully requests consideration of pending claims 1-13.

I. **Objection to Abstract Obviated**

The Examiner has objected to the abstract of the disclosure because of the use of the word "said". Applicant has amended the abstract to comply with the Examiner's statements regarding proper abstract format.

II. **Rejection of Claims 1-9 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) Traversed**

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,558,737 ("Kuznetsov"). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Kuznetsov fails to teach or suggest, let alone anticipate all elements of the claimed invention. For example, Kuznetsov fails to teach or suggest heating of oil well tubing as recited in independent claims 1 and 9 of the present application.

Whereas Kuznetsov includes a heater 1 for heating the hole bottom zone of an oil well, Kuznetsov emphasizes that the heat be focused within the hole bottom zone. The design of Kuznetsov places the heater at the lower end of the device, separated from the tubing string above by the acoustic radiator and a

heat insulation member (e.g., see heat insulation member 5, col. 4). Kuznetsov does not address the design of the oil well tubing; in fact, Kuznetsov does not even include the oil well tubing in its illustrations.

For at least the foregoing reason, Applicant submits that independent claims 1 and 9 of the present application are allowable over the cited reference. Dependent claims 2-8, being dependent upon allowable base claim 1, are themselves allowable for at least the foregoing reason as well.

III. New Claims 10-13

Applicant submits new claims 10-13 for consideration. Applicant believes that new claims 10-13 are fully supported by the specification, figures and claims as originally filed, and that no new matter is presented.

Applicant respectfully submits that claims 10-13, being dependent upon allowable base claim 9, are also allowable for at least the foregoing reasons provided with respect to independent claim 9.

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IV. Conclusion

Applicant submits that pending claims 1-13 are in condition for allowance.
Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in
this case.

Respectfully submitted,

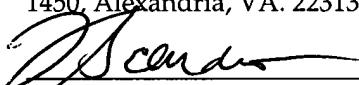
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